

## **Decision Day**

# It's not too late to plan for your future!

Have you made plans for life after high school? It's not too late to continue your education! Whether choosing a Registered Apprenticeship or work-based learning option, going to community college for a certificate or associate degree, or heading to a university to earn a bachelor's degree, it all counts as college!

#### Have you applied?

If you have not applied to college or you have an incomplete admissions application:

- Meet with your counselor to explore postsecondary options and financial aid opportunities.
- Research career options and schools or programs still accepting admissions applications.
- If you have received an official letter/email, see what else is needed to complete your application. Reach out directly to have a conversation and make sure you're on track to attend in the fall.

#### Have you been admitted?

If you have applied to a school or program but have not been admitted:

- Follow up with the colleges you applied to.
- Explore other postsecondary options and research financial aid opportunities.

### Have you officially enrolled?

If you have been admitted to college but have not made a final decision about attending or are not officially enrolled:

- Talk to trusted adults and share your thoughts, questions and concerns about completing enrollment and your plans for the future.
- Speak with an admissions officer, financial aid representative or other expert at the college.
- Have your counselor help you find out more about financial aid or fee waivers, especially if you need help paying enrollment fees and deposits.
- If you haven't filed your FAFSA yet, ask your counselor to help you complete it.
- Seek your counselor's assistance to interpret any financial aid information you receive. You also may ask a college campus financial aid officer for help.

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